

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell comprising:

a fuel cell stack formed by stacking a plurality of cell blocks, ~~at least two of the cell blocks having different gas pressure loss and/or water draining characteristics~~ a first cell block having a pressure loss smaller from that of a second cell block such that the first and second cell blocks have different water draining characteristics, each cell of the cell blocks having at least one separator including a plurality of grooves that form a gas passage of the separator and a plurality of ribs that are provided between the grooves, wherein a pitch between the ribs of ~~one cell block~~ the first cell block is ~~different from~~ larger than a pitch between the ribs of ~~another the second cell block~~, and a cross-sectional area of gas paths formed between the ribs of the first cell block are larger than gas paths formed between the ribs of the second cell block; and

a supply port through which gas is supplied to the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in ~~one a first end~~ a first end portion of the fuel cell stack, and the fuel cell stack is formed by stacking the cell blocks such that the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is disposed in a vicinity of ~~the other a second end~~ a second end portion of the fuel cell stack,

wherein the fuel cell further comprises a discharge port through which gas is discharged from the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in the same first end portion of the fuel cell stack as the supply port, ~~and~~

~~wherein a cross-sectional area of gas paths formed between the ribs the first cell block being disposed far away from the supply port is larger than that of the gas path in another cell block being disposed adjacent to the supply port.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein each of the cell blocks being formed by stacking plural cells of the same characteristics.

3-6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell according to claim [[3]]1, ~~wherein the fuel cell stack is formed by stacking the cells such that the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is disposed in a portion in which~~ wherein a shortage of gas supply occurs in the second end of the fuel cell stack.

8-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell according to claim 1, ~~wherein the fuel cell stack is formed using at least one cell block that~~ wherein the first cell block is water proof.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell according to claim [[10]]1, wherein each cell of each of the cell blocks includes an electrolyte membrane formed from solid polymer material.

13. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell according to claim 10, ~~wherein the at least one cell block that is water proof~~ wherein the first cell block is configured for high drainage performance.

14-21. (Canceled).

22. (New) A fuel cell comprising:

a fuel cell stack formed by stacking a plurality of cell blocks, a first cell block having a pressure loss smaller than that of a second cell block, each cell of the cell blocks having at least one separator including a plurality of grooves that form a gas passage of the separator and a plurality of ribs that are provided between the grooves, wherein a pitch between the ribs of the first cell block is larger than a pitch between the ribs of the second cell block, and a cross-sectional area of gas paths formed between the ribs of the first cell block are larger than gas paths formed between the ribs of the second cell block; and

a supply port through which gas is supplied to the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in a first end portion of the fuel cell stack, and the fuel cell stack is formed by stacking the cell blocks such that the cell block having the smaller pressure loss is disposed in a vicinity of a second end portion of the fuel cell stack,

wherein the fuel cell further comprises a discharge port through which gas is discharged from the fuel cell stack, and which is provided in the same first end portion of the fuel cell stack as the supply port.